

## Memorandum

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To : Paul Marshall  
Department of Water Resources

From : David Johnson

Subject : NOP/EIR/EIS for the South Delta Improvement Program

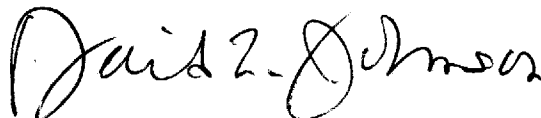
Following are the comments for the scoping process regarding the above-referenced project, i.e., since:

- (1) The waterways in this NOP, e.g., Old River and the San Joaquin River, among others, are included in the list of USCG navigable waterways, and
- (2) The proposed project involves placing temporary rock barriers, constructing permanent operable barriers and dredging local channels to reduce the frequency of barrier operations and to accommodate improvements to existing agricultural diversions either in or near these waterways,

It is recommended that the EIR/EIS should address:

- (1) What impacts these projects will have on recreational boating in or near these waterways,
- (2) What hazards are presented during the placement of the temporary and permanent structures, as well as the proposed dredging activities,
- (3) *Any proposed safety measures to reduce the risk of boating accidents related to the rock barriers,*
- (4) Any mitigation if there are either temporary or permanent reductions in recreational boating because of the proposed construction.

If you have any further questions, you may contact me at 263-0780.



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